

Washington - Congresswoman Linda Sánchez announced today that she has secured initial support for \$3 million in federal funding for California State University Long Beach's Center for the Commercial Deployment of Transportation Technologies, a cutting-edge maritime and logistics research institution.

The funds, which were included in the Defense Appropriations bill, will support research on critical maritime military and commercial transportation issues, including the efficient movement of military and civilian cargo through local ports, as well as the effectiveness of cargo port and supply chain security. The bill must now be passed by the full House of Representatives and the Senate and be signed by the President to become law.

"Cal State Long Beach has a long history of innovation in improving the movement of military and commercial cargo from ports," said Rep. Sánchez. "I am pleased that this new funding I have secured will allow CSULB to work with our local Gateway Cities Council of Governments and others to expand its research into environmentally friendly inland cargo systems that reduce the use of trucks."

Rep. Sánchez praised the work of the Center for the Commercial Deployment of Transportation Technologies in improving the movement of military and commercial cargo from ports, and was pleased to be able to work with its leaders to ensure this funding emphasized the development of environmentally-friendly technologies, including high-speed transportation that will help alleviate traffic and improve local air quality.

The Center for the Commercial Deployment of Transportation Technologies is a U.S. Navy approved and supported research and development institution. The Center's Agile Port and High Speed Ship Technology program, which will be funded by this appropriation, has become a research leader on transitional military deployment requirements and commercial efforts to enhance the competitive position of the U.S. flag fleet.

The federal investments for the 2008 fiscal year are the first to be made under the new Democratic "pay-as-you-go" rules for federal appropriations, which require that appropriation increases be offset by funding cuts elsewhere.

"Congress has a responsibility to make sure taxpayer dollars are spent wisely, and our new leadership takes that seriously," added Rep. Sánchez. "Our budget for this year restores budget discipline while making smart investments in our communities."